GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3968
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PACKAGING OF ITEMS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have specified guidelines for packaging of specific weight/volume for various food products/medicines/other items being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, product-wise;

(c) whether there is any machinery to monitor if these guidelines are being followed by various manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the necessary action contemplated against those flouting such norms during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The third Schedule of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 requires packing of certain commodities including food products in such quantities by weight, measure or number as specified therein. A copy of the schedule is annexed. In respect of Drugs, provisions are contained in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made there under.

(c) & (d): The Rules are enforced by the enforcement machinery in the States and Union Territories. Prosecutions are launched against those violating the provisions of the Rules.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3968 DT. 9/8/2002

THE THIRD SCHEDULE Commodities to be packed in specified quantities The following commodities shall be packed in such quantities by weight, measure or number as are specified in the corresponding entries against them.

Sl. No.	Commodities	Quantities in which to be packed
1	2	3
1.	Baby food packer or manufacturer packing baby food in 400g and weaning food in 500g shall not be allowed to do so beyond 180 days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.	200 g, 500 g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg and 10 kg. Any
2.	Weaning food.	200g, 400g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg and 10 kg.

3. Biscuits	25g, 50g, 75g, 100g, 150g, 200g, 250g, 300g and thereafter in multiples of 100g up to 1 kg.
4. Bread including brown bread but excluding bun.	100g and there after in multiples of 100g.
5. Un-canned packages of butter and margarine	25 g, 50 g, 100 g, 200 g, 500 g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg, and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg.
6. Cereals and Pulses	100g, 200g, 500g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg and thereafter multiples of 5 kg
7 Coffee	25 g, 50 g, 100 g, 200 g, 500 g,1 kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
8. Tea	25 g, 50 g, 100 g, 250 g, 500 g, 1 kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
9. Materials which may be reconstituted as beverages.	25 g, 50 g, 100 g, 200 g, 500 g, 1 kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
10. Edible Oils Vanaspati, ghee, butter oil	50 g, 100 g, 200 g, 500 g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 3 kg, 5 kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg If net quantity is declared by volume the same number in milliliters or liters, as the case may be. If the net quantity is declared by volume, then the equivalent quantity in terms of mass to be declared in brackets in same size of letters/numerals
11. Deleted.	
12. Milk Powder.	Below 50 g no restriction, 50 g, 100g, 200g, 500 g, 1 kg and thereafter in multiples of 500 g.
13. Omitted.	
14. Non-soapy detergents (powder)	Below 50 g no restriction, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 700g, 1kg, 1.5 kg, 2 kg and thereafter, in multiples of 1 kg.
15. Rice(powdered), flour, atta, rawa and suji.	100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 5 kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg.
16. Salt	Below 50g in multiples of 10g, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 750g, 1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg.
17. Soaps	
(a) Laundry Soap	50g, 75g, 100g, and thereafter in multiples of 50g.
(b) Non-soapy detergent cakes/bars.	50g, 75g, 100g, 125g, 150g, 200g, 250g, 300g and thereafter in multiples of 100g
(c) Toilet Soap including all kinds of bath soap (cakes).	25g, 50g, 75g, 100g, 125g, 150g and thereafter in multiples of 50g.
18. Aerated soft drinks, non-alcoholic beverages.	100 ml, 150 ml, 200 ml, 250 ml, 300 ml, 330ml(in cans only) 500 ml, 750 ml, 1 litre, 1.5 litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre and 5 litre.
18(A) Mineral water and drinking water	100 ml, 130 ml, 150 ml, 200 ml, 250 ml, 300 ml, 330 ml, 500 ml, 600 ml, 750 ml, 1 litre, 1.2 litre, 1.5 litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre and 5 litre.

[The sizes 130 ml, 330 ml, 600 ml and 1.2 litre shall be allowed only for a period of 3 years from the date of notification]."

19. Cement in bags.		1 kg, 2 kg, 5 kg, 10 kg, 20 kg, 25 kg and 50 kg.
20. Paint varnish etc.		
(a) Paint other than paste paint or solid paint) varnish, varnish stains, enamels.	(	50 ml, 100 ml, 200 ml, 500 ml, 1 litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre, 5 litre and thereafter in multiples of 5 litre.

(b) Paste paint 500g, 1 kg, 1.5 kg, 2 kg, 3 kg, 5 kg, and solid paint 7kg, 10kg. and thereafter multiple of 5 kg.